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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7351	Agenda Number	103.
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Meeting Date:	7/28/2011	Department:	Watershed Protection
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month State Use Agreement with TIBH Industries, Inc. for vegetation control in creeks and detention/water quality ponds, for the hauling of excessive vegetation and debris from specified job site locations to an acceptable landfill, and for herbicide application, in an amount not to exceed \$1,765,000.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,765,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 proposed Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Roxanne Jackson, 974-1918
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

To reduce the risk of flooding to properties adjacent to waterways, this agreement provides for the clearing of excessive vegetation and debris from identified high-risk drainage channels and creeks. This agreement will also provide these services in detention and water quality ponds and in newly annexed areas in accordance with approved service plans. Licensed herbicide applications of tree stumps and invasive herbaceous vegetation will also be provided on a requested basis.

TIBH Industries (Texas Institute for the Blind and Handicapped) in conjunction with Easter Seals Central Texas has performed this service for the past 21 years. Their dedication, experience, and timely performance demonstrate their qualifications to continue the creek clearing and pond maintenance services the City is obligated to provide.

State Law allows political subdivisions to substitute services available from blind or disabled persons for those which could be purchased from private businesses without securing competitive bids (Texas Human Resources Code, Section 122.017). Comparison of TIBH Industries prices in past years has shown them to

be at or below those of the private sector. TIBH's rates will remain the same for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 contract as they were for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 contract, (Price Agreement No. NI110000003).

TIBH Industries serves as a broker to locate and administer contracts for non-profit organizations. Easter Seals Central Texas Workforce Development Program personnel will perform the work and receive 94% of the funds. TIBH Industries will receive the remaining 6% of the funds to cover administrative costs. This contract will provide jobs to individuals who would otherwise need public assistance if this work program were not available.